

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 21 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hedenberg (U.S. Patent 5,947,009) in view of Miller (U.S. Patent No. 4,523,407). The Examiner acknowledged that Hedenberg does not teach or suggest a profile groove with protrusions. On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Miller makes up for the deficiencies of Hedenberg. The teachings of Miller are directed to a non-analogous art because Miller describes a cover for a deck hatch or manhole. Miller's invention is not directed to a bread maker. Miller also fails to teach or suggest "a plurality of breakaway-prevention protrusions." The teachings of Miller would not apply to Hedenberg because Hedenberg is related to a conventional bread maker having a profile groove (reference numerals 40, 42) having a circular cross-section with an undercut.

The present invention relates to a bread maker having a main body, an oven, a baking tray and a profile that is combined with the baking tray wherein the profile has a profile groove having a plurality of breakaway-prevention protrusions formed at the edges of the profile groove. Miller's teaching relates to locking a cover found on a hatch or manhole where horizontal flanges on a gasket groove are used to retain a gasket in the groove (col. 1, line 64 – col. 2, line 21). Miller does not teach or suggest "a plurality of breakaway-prevention protrusions formed at edges thereof to prevent the profile from breaking away from the profile groove." Therefore, Miller cannot be relied upon to cure the deficiencies of Hedenberg.

NEW CLAIM 22:

New claim 22 recites that the features of the present invention include "a tray, comprising: a stationary tray having a first profile groove portion and a rotatable tray having a second profile groove portion wherein the first and second groove portions combine to form a groove profile; at least one or more profiles formed in the first and second profile groove portions; and a plurality of breakaway-prevention protrusions that are incorporated with the stationary and rotatable trays wherein the breakaway-prevention protrusions secure a partial outer surface of the profiles." Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests such. It is submitted that these new claims, which are different and not narrower than prior filed claims distinguishes over the prior art.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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